

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended in compliance with the aforementioned Office Action as a result of the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Please note that claim 8 and claim 13 were previously written as multiple dependent claims, and therefore they are now listed as claims 8 and 13 rewritten with the limitations of claim 4 and as new claims 20 and 21, including the limitations of claim 5, respectively. This is in accordance with the instructions received during a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Sharon E. Payne on December 06, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0115, Deposit Account Name: Lambert & Associates.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorneys at (617) 720-0091 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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